

Countywide Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes

May 9, 2022 – hybrid meeting

Attendance

Board: Aravind Banda, Carl Blake, Marcus Coleman, Alison Gillespie, Otto Gonzalez, Karen Kincer, Michael Ma, Dave Pullen, Chris Richardson, Robera Tasissa, Felecia Wilson

Ex Officio: Ramona Bell-Pearson, Greg Kellner, Kendell Matthews, Myriam Paul, Jeneva Stone

Staff: Traci Anderson, Jeanene Blakley, Gary Burnett, Janet Dixon, Doug Ludwig, Robin Riley, Melanie Sasse

Roll Called at 6:34 pm by Janet Dixon

Quorum Called at 6:37 pm by Karen Kincer

Agenda approved; Dave Pullen motioned with Marcus Coleman seconded.

Action: The following minutes were approved: June 2017, April 2018, May 2018, June 2018, April 2022.

Member Input

- Alison attended Acoustic & Ales events, great turnout from the public
- Alison will be testifying for Wheaton Planning
- Alison reminder about the International Mountain Biking event next weekend in Germantown
- Karen remarked on the health of parks and the nesting of eaglets

Ex-Officio Reports

Ramona / CUPF

- Reviewed handout
- use of rooms is increasing
- festivals at Veterans Plaza every weekend
- GoLive event went quite well and more GoLive events are planned.

Kendall / CoA

- May 5th public forum: In-Home Health care was attended in person and via ZOOM. Was well received.

Myriam / CAB

- Nothing new to report

Greg / MCPS

- Playoff season
- Wheaton Girls Softball Team – played their first home game in 10 years now that they have a field.

Director Reports

Robin

- Sudden loss of Recreation Supervisor Ingrid Bean
- Long Branch opening with a soft launch on May 16
- Division Chief Adriane Clutter organized a landscaping event with Rupert Landscaping for Long Branch. All landscaping was donated.
- Coffield will open in June
- The free camp at Long Branch is full
- Recreation provided a water stop at the Pikes Peak Race
- Outdoors pools open Memorial Day weekend – prepped and ready to go.
- Early Elections are July 4 – July 14 and will have an impact on the use of Recreation facilities. This will have an impact on how camps and programs will be run. Working with BOE.
- Retirements: Judy Stiles PIO and Vicki Kane Business Services Manager
- Facility Anniversaries: White Oak 10 years and Schweinhaut 50 years.
- June 22 Bar-B-Que Bast at Smokey Glen for seniors, transportation is included.
- SSCRAC Update: Council is looking for money for CIP. Recreation will be meeting with Council this Thursday. Also, many efforts are in process/planning for multiple community events to promote.

Gary

- All the rain has produced a lot of grass, leading to lots of mowing.
- Carousel, boat rentals, and splash park are either open or opening soon.
- The Wheaton Master Plan is May 19
- Lynch Park is opening soon with a call for artists and artwork for the park going out this Friday.
- Rain Out Line – at 3 pm weekdays staff goes out to look, weekends it is difficult to evaluate so their representative fields and the status is updated/reevaluated in the afternoon. We err on the side of caution. Will look into using Social Media to inform public.

Budget Update

This Thursday to council for consent calendar

Taxicab Funding cannot be used for a bus that was asked for. This was a 22-passenger bus that had a handicap lift. Council would not fund. Discussion on how to support to this issue as transportation issues need to be addressed – TR Clients (and seniors) have limited access to programs without transport.

Gary was in front of Council this morning the reconciliation of the \$250k was denied

ADA Access Presentation by Jenneane Blakely

Nominating Committee – only one nomination received so far. A reminder that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions both need to be filled. Other vacancies are occurring and incumbents need to reapply, these should be posted soon.

The next meeting is on June 6

Carl: Social Media for board? The Board would need a passive admin as well as a board member to update content. Decided by the board to use the current social media of Park and Planning and Recreation to highlight and elevate the board.

Adjourn: 8:16 pm

Submitted

J.Dixon

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